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Sir,

In response to the Office action mailed on February 3, 2006, having a three month shortened statutory period of response set to expire on May 3, 2006, please reconsider the above application as follows: